

House Resolution 72

By: Representatives Lucas of the 139th, Watson of the 91st, Sinkfield of the 60th, Stephenson of the 92nd, Williams of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Naming the Legislative Office Building adjacent to the State Capitol Building in honor of
2 former Representatives Richard Dent, J. C. Daugherty, and Grace Towns Hamilton; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Richard Dent of Augusta, J. C. Daugherty of Atlanta, and Grace Towns
5 Hamilton of Atlanta all served in the Georgia General Assembly with great ability,
6 distinction, and dedication to duty; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Dent, affectionately known as "Papa Dent," was the first African
8 American elected from Richmond County to the Georgia House of Representatives since
9 Reconstruction, was known for his oratorical skills which often swayed the outcome of
10 important votes, and also has the distinction of being the first African American to chair a
11 committee in the House since Reconstruction; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Daugherty was well known as one of the most capable and
13 effective members of the Atlanta Bar, was one of the most effective advocates in the
14 celebrated controversy over the seating of Representative Julian Bond, and went on to
15 preside over the House Special Judiciary Committee, where he was universally known as a
16 highly effective and fair Chairman; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Grace Towns Hamilton was one of the best known and most
18 loved members of the House and an extraordinary leader and was the first African American
19 woman to be elected to a state legislature in the Deep South; and her unique and enduring
20 accomplishments have been documented in the notable book, Grace Towns Hamilton and the
21 Politics of Southern Change; and

22 WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the outstanding accomplishments and
23 contributions to the state of these individuals be honored in an appropriate manner.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the Legislative Office Building located adjacent to the Georgia State Capitol
3 is hereby named the Dent-Daugherty-Hamilton Legislative Office Building.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Fiscal Officer, under direction of the
5 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, is authorized and directed
6 to procure and provide for the placement of any and all signs and markings as may be
7 determined appropriate by such officers to so designate the building.